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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MEAT

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1. GOM HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY EMBASSY REPS ON BASIS REFTEL CONCERNING PARTICIPATION BY MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA AT PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MEAT. REACTION IS FAVORABLE ON PART OF GOM AND THEY INDICATED

WILLINGNESS ATTEMPT COORDINATE WITH CENTRAL AMERICANS ON DESIGNATION ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOTH AREAS AS DELEGATE TO MEETING. NEXT WEEK MEXICAN UNDER SECRETARY FOR LIVESTOCK, RETA PETTERSSEN, AND RAMOS CANTORAL, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SAG, WILL BE TRAVELLING THROUGH CENTRAL AMERICA ON OTHER BUSINESS AND PLAN TAKE ADVANTAGE THIS TRIP TO FEEL OUT CENTRAL AMERICANS ON SUBJECT. RAMOS CANTORAL INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF US EMBASSIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA WOULD BRIEF LOCAL MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL.

(FYI ONLY) MEXICO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RETA PETTERSSEN DESIGNATED

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DELEGATE BUT RAMOS CANTORAL INDICATED THAT IF IT COMES DOWN TO HAVING

TO ACCEPT SOMEONE ELSE OR NOT BE REPRESENTED AT MEETING MEXICO WOULD GO ALONG WITH A CENTRAL AMERICAN AS DELEGATE FOR BOTH AREAS.

2. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN CONTACTED BY AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY TO OBTAIN OUR VIEWS ON MEXICAN-CENTRAL AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN MEAT MEETINGS AND TO COORDINATE APPROACH TO GOM. AUSTRALIAN POSITION SAME AS OURS, SO WE ADVISED THEM OF OUR MEETING WITH GOM OFFICIALS AND INDICATED THAT WE FAVOR PARTICIPATION BY MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA IN THE MEETINGS IF BOTH AREAS CAN GET TOGETHER AND NAME ONE DELEGATE. WE ALSO

SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY TO CONTACT GOM OFFICIALS AND EXPLAIN NECESSITY OF KEEPING MEETINGS TO SMALL GROUP AND ADVISABILITY OF ONE DELEGATE REPRESENTING BOTH AREAS. ACTION REQUESTED. IF DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTIONS, REQUEST CENTRAL AMERICAN EMBASSIES ADVISE APPROPRIATE HOST OFFICIALS OF PROPOSED MEAT MEETINGS, BASIS FOR REQUESTING ONE DELEGATE REPRESENTING

BOTH MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA, AND PROPOSED VISIT MEXICAN OFFICIALS.

ALSO, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF ONE DELEGATE MEANS ONLY ONE PERSON PRESENT AT MEETING OR CAN DELEGATE BRING ADVISORS. THIS QUESTION RAISED

BY GOM OFFICIALS.

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